

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : David M. Gravett
Application No. : 10/748,700
Filed : December 29, 2003
For : AMINO ACIDS IN MICELLE PREPARATION

Examiner : Abigail L. Fisher
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Docket No. : 110129.431
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 28, 2007, please extend the period of time for response three months, to expire on January 28, 2008. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee.

Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1, 3, 7-32, 34-64 and 66-67, drawn to a composition comprising a diblock copolymer, an amino acid, and a hydrophobic drug, for examination at this time.

For initial examination, Applicant elects the following species:

First Species Election – poly(ethylene oxide) as block X and poly-DL-lactide-co-glycolide (PDLLA) as block Y;

Second Species Election – naturally occurring amino acids; and

Third Species Election – an antimicrotubule drug (e.g., paclitaxel).

Claims 1, 3, 8-12, 14-15, 17-22, 24-32, 34-35, 38-64 and 66-67 read on the elected species.

Consideration of the elected claims is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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